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## THE HEDGEHOG



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Welcome to Sonic's comic book adventures—a world unique & beyond what you know from the SEGA games! Where Sonic and his friends work to save the world from the forces of evil!



**CHARACTER  
= SELECT =**



**SONIC  
THE HEDGEHOG**  
FASTEST THING ALIVE



**SALLY & ANTOINE**  
TACTICIAN AND  
SWORDSMAN



**CREAM & CHEESE**  
YOUNG HEROES



**BIG THE CAT**  
GENTLE GIANT



**DULCY  
THE DRAGON**  
OLD FRIEND

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### PREVIOUSLY...

#### CORRUPTION CHAOS!

When **Sonic** was accidentally exposed to a concentrated sample of **Dark Gaia Energy**, he was infected by the substance! Now, at night, he turns into the fearsome, bulky and powerful "**Sonic the Werehog**"! Thankfully, his pure heart keeps him who he is! But what if *something else* were to become corrupted by **Dark Gaia** and lose control...?



Sonic and the Freedom Fighters have been traveling the world, gathering the **Gaia Keys**—magical artifacts crucial to their plan for saving the planet!



Their worldwide travels have reunited them with many old friends...

...and introduced them to foes, new and old...



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DRAGON ROAD,  
CHUN-NAN...

SALLY  
LEADER

ANTOINE  
SOLDIER

CREAM  
YOUNG  
FLYER

SONIC  
SPEEDY  
HEDGEHOG

# WINGS OF FIRE

Part One: *SLOW BURN*

OW!  
OW!  
OW!

HOLD ON,  
BUDDY! I'M  
COMING!

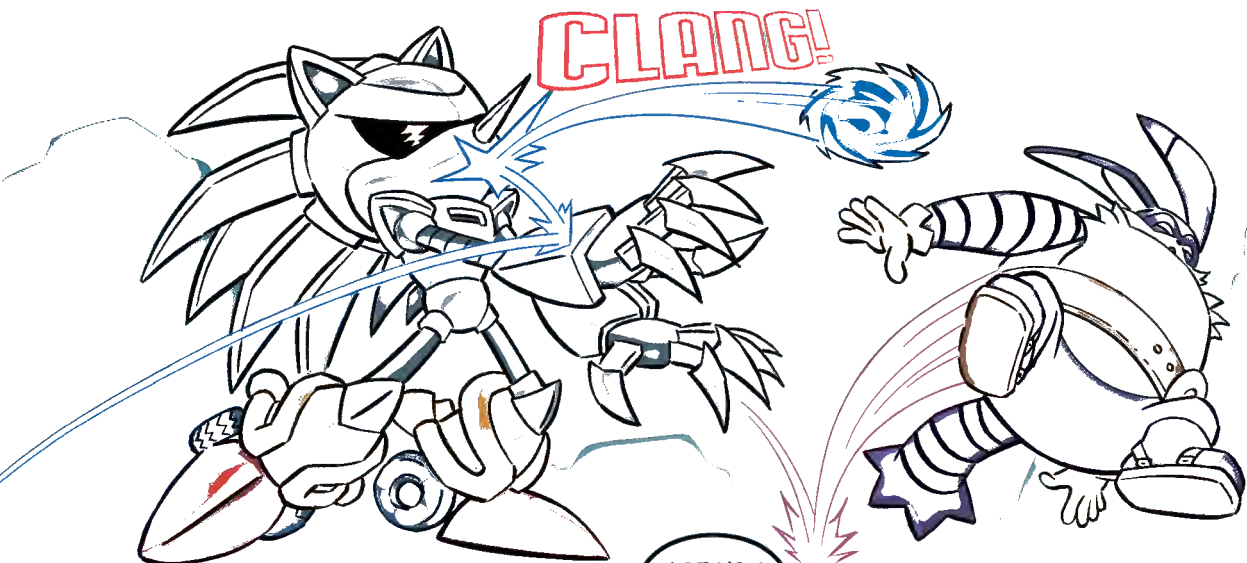
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SONIC  
SUPER BADNIK  
AND HORDE  
COMMANDER

BIG  
NOT HAVING  
FUN

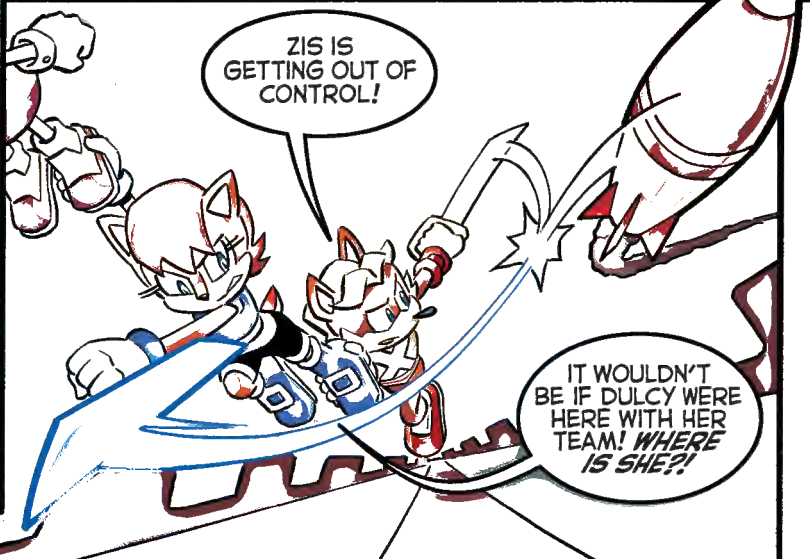
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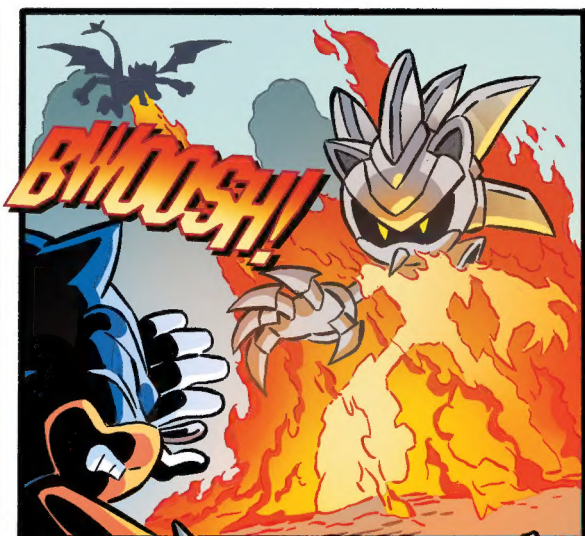
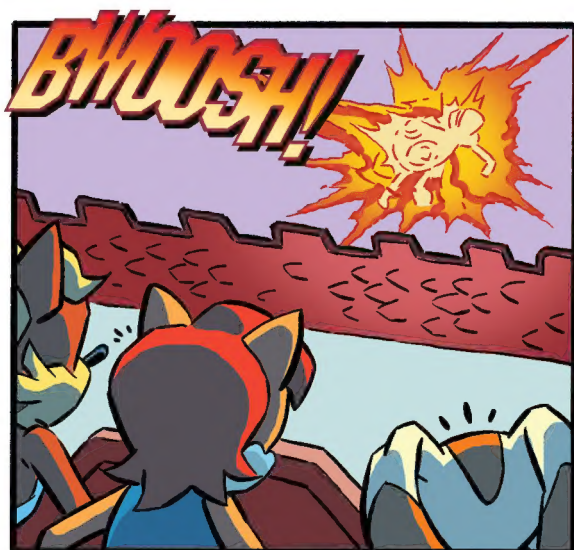


\* SONIC THE HEDGEHOG VOL. 1  
"COUNTDOWN TO CHAOS."



IT WOULDN'T BE IF DULCY WERE  
HERE WITH HER TEAM! WHERE  
IS SHE?!





...DID  
I GET  
HIM?

MORE LIKE  
TICKED HIM  
OFF, BUT IT'LL  
DO FOR NOW.  
HEY, DULCY.





HEY, SONIC!  
HEY, YOU GUYS!  
IT'S BEEN FOREVER.  
DON'T THINK I  
KNOW ALL OF YOU,  
ACTUALLY...

**DULCY THE  
DRAGON**  
FIRE-BREATHER

ARE YOU  
OKAY? WHAT  
HAPPENED TO  
YOUR TEAM?



YEAH, SEE...  
I DON'T KNOW IF  
I'D REALLY CALL  
THEM A "TEAM"  
YET.

DULCY.

MY NAME  
IS... UM, IT  
CAN WAIT.

AND THEN YOU  
GUYS WEREN'T WHERE  
YOU SAID YOU'D BE.  
PROBABLY...Y'KNOW...  
BECAUSE THE BADNIK  
HORDE ATTACKED  
YOU...

DULCY.



I'M  
SORRY! IT'S  
JUST--I'M NEW AT  
THIS! AND I WANT  
TO IMPRESS YOU  
GUYS! AND I DON'T  
KNOW IF THEY'RE  
READY! AND--AND--  
AND--!

WHAT  
MATTERS IS YOU  
CAME. READY OR  
NOT, WE'D LIKE TO  
MEET YOUR TEAM  
AND GET ON WITH  
OUR MISSION.



ALL RIGHT.  
THANKS, SAL. CAN  
I MAKE IT UP TO  
YOU GUYS WITH  
LUNCH?



DID  
YOU SAY  
"LUNCH"?





SHIJIN SHRINE...

WE'RE  
ALMOST  
THERE, GUYS!  
PROMISE!



JIAN THE  
TIGER  
EX-EGG  
SOLDIER

WELCOME,  
EVERYONE.

OOH!  
NEW FRIENDS?!  
HI! HI! HI!  
HI! HI!

BUNKER THE  
TORTOISE  
SHRINE  
MATRON

...THEY'RE THE  
ONLY ONES TO  
ANSWER MY "CALL  
TO ARMS," AS IT  
WERE...

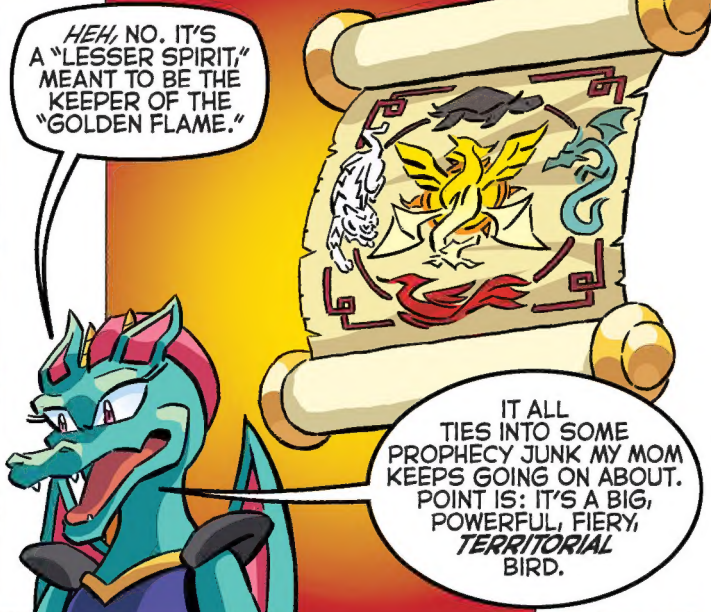
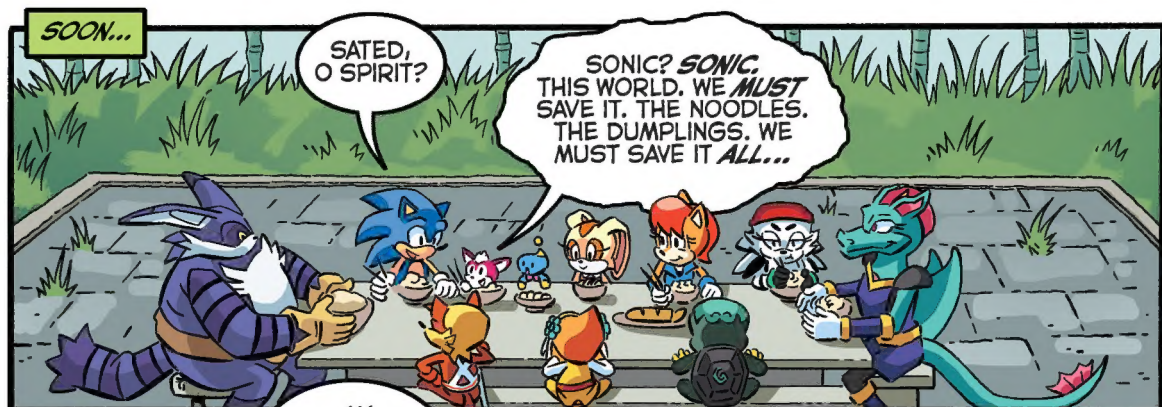
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EAGER



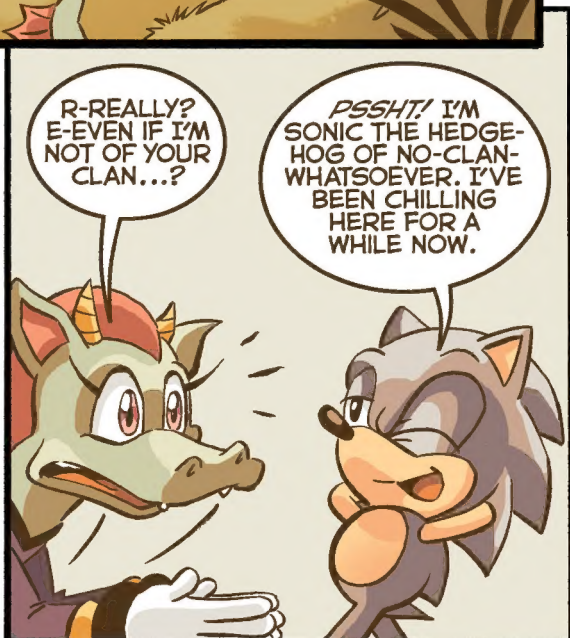
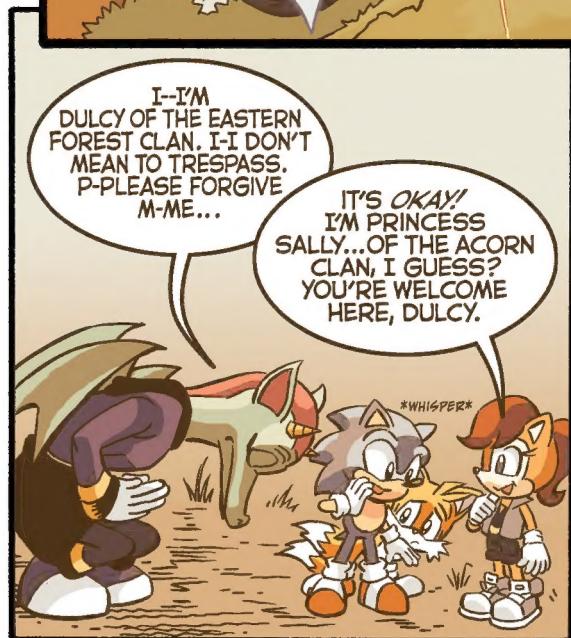
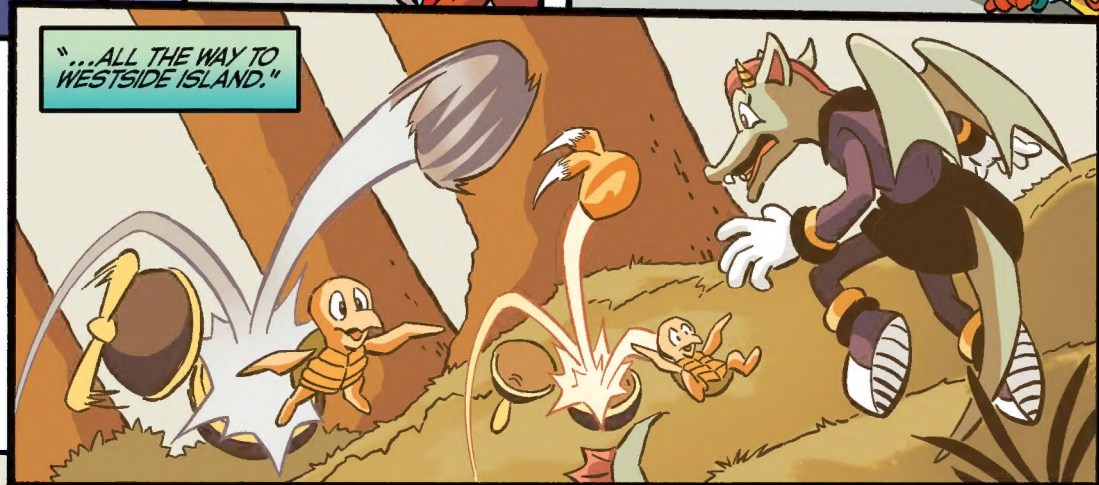
THEY  
ANSWERED.  
THAT'S WHAT  
COUNTS. IT'S A  
PLEASURE AND  
HONOR TO MEET  
ALL OF YOU.

SEE? AND  
YOU WERE  
WORRIED.

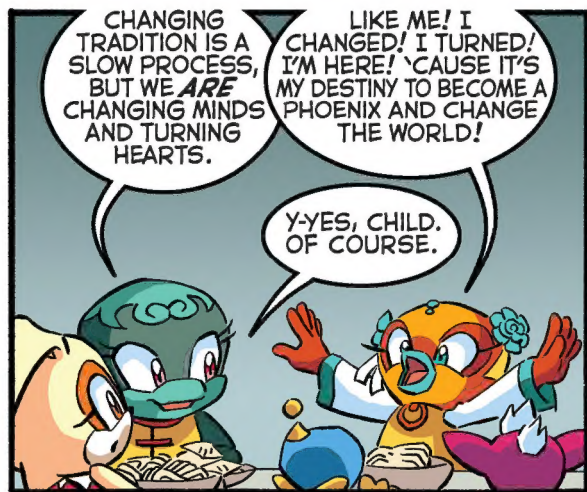
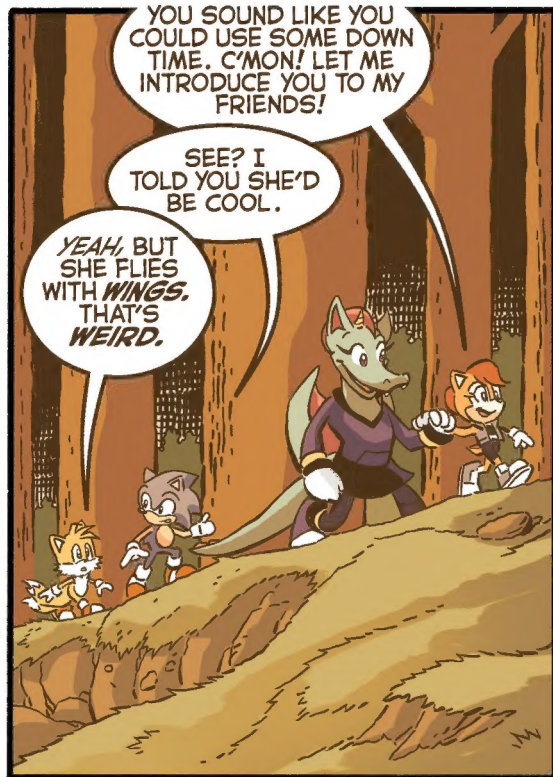
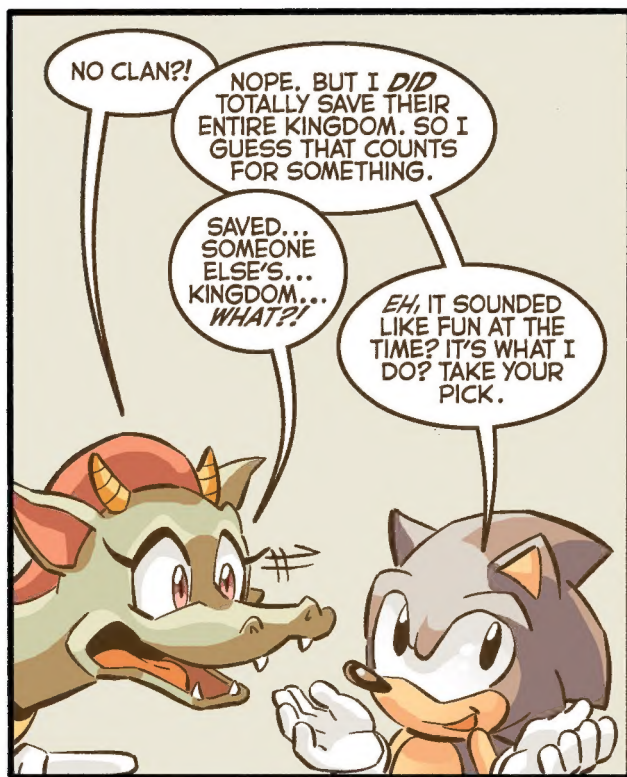




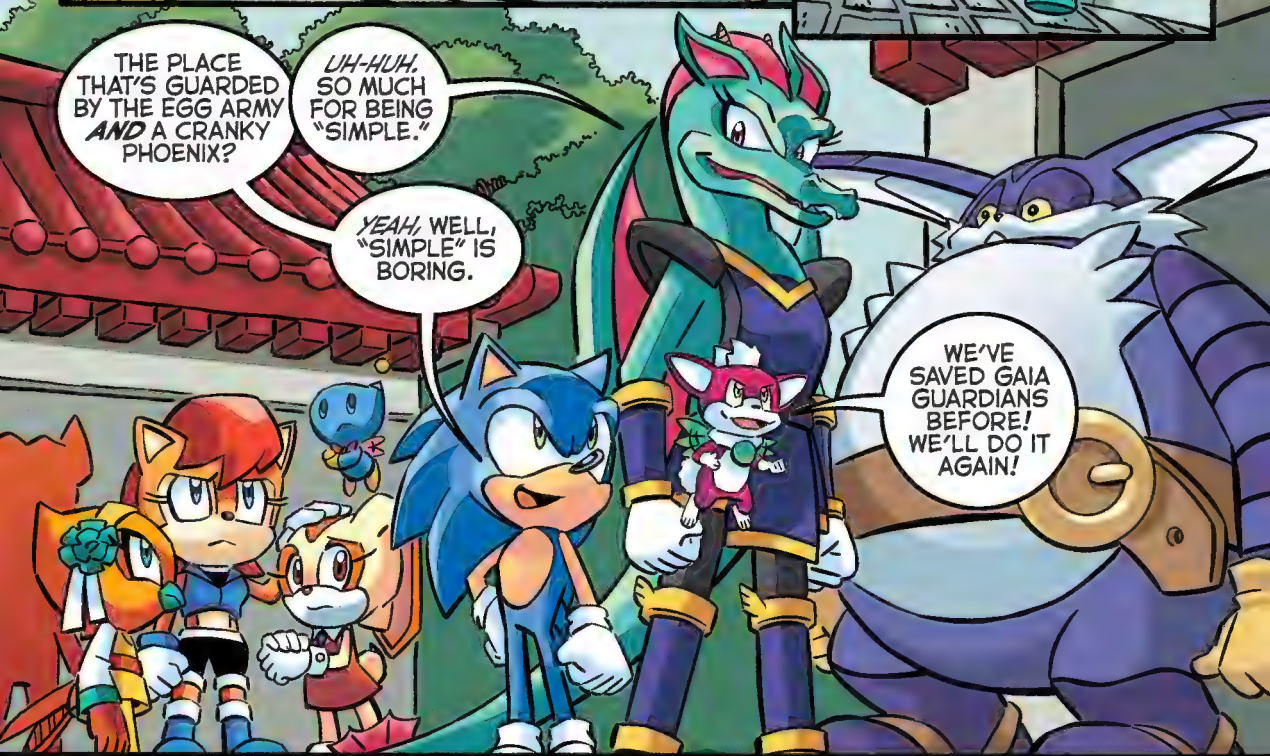
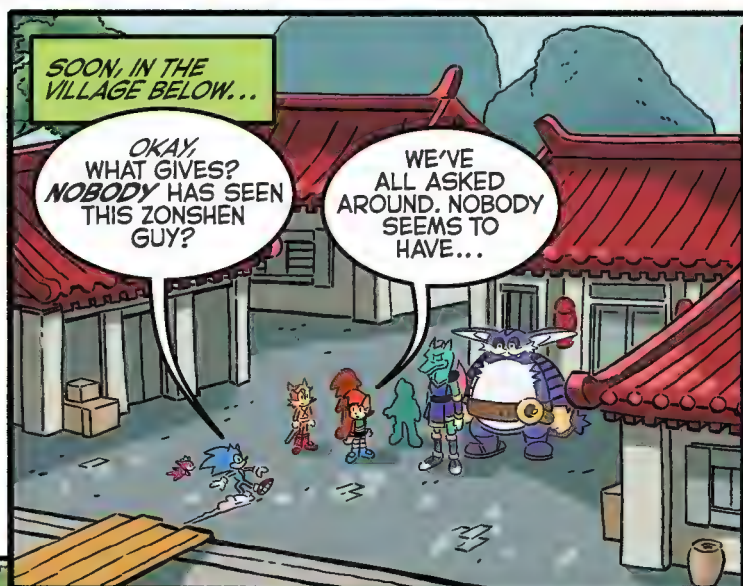
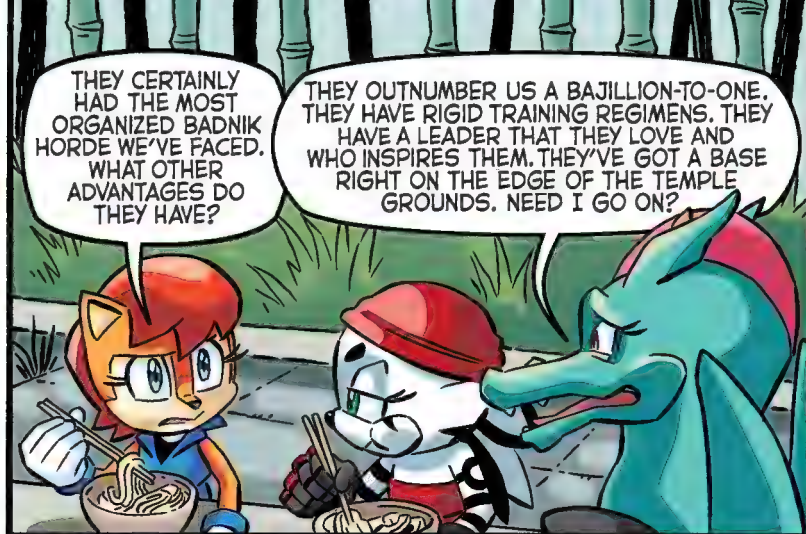














MEANWHILE, AT  
THE EGG BASE...

CONQUERING  
STORM  
REGIONAL  
EGG BOSS

THE FREEDOM  
FIGHTERS HAVE  
BEEN SEEN IN  
THE VILLAGE,  
MASTER. THEY'VE  
BEEN JOINED BY  
DULCY'S TEAM.

THEY MUST  
BE COMING  
FOR THE GAIA  
TEMPLE...

EXCELLENT.  
LET THEM PASS,  
JUST LIKE THE  
OLD MAN THIS  
MORNING.

"WE'LL LET THE CORRUPTED  
SPIRIT DESTROY THEM FOR US."

**SKREEEEEEEE!**

SONIC AND DULCY'S TEAMS ARE HEADING  
RIGHT FOR A *TRAP!*

BUT IF THEY DON'T, THE WORLD CANNOT BE SAVED!  
WHAT'S A HEROIC HEDGEHOG TO DO?  
COME BACK NEXT TIME FOR THE FIERY CONCLUSION!





# HOMESICK

A FISHING VILLAGE  
IN ADABAT...

MMM...

WHAT  
IS IT?

AHH...THIS SEA  
BREEZE. SOMETHING  
ABOUT IT FEELS...  
NOSTALGIC?

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YOUNG  
PILOT

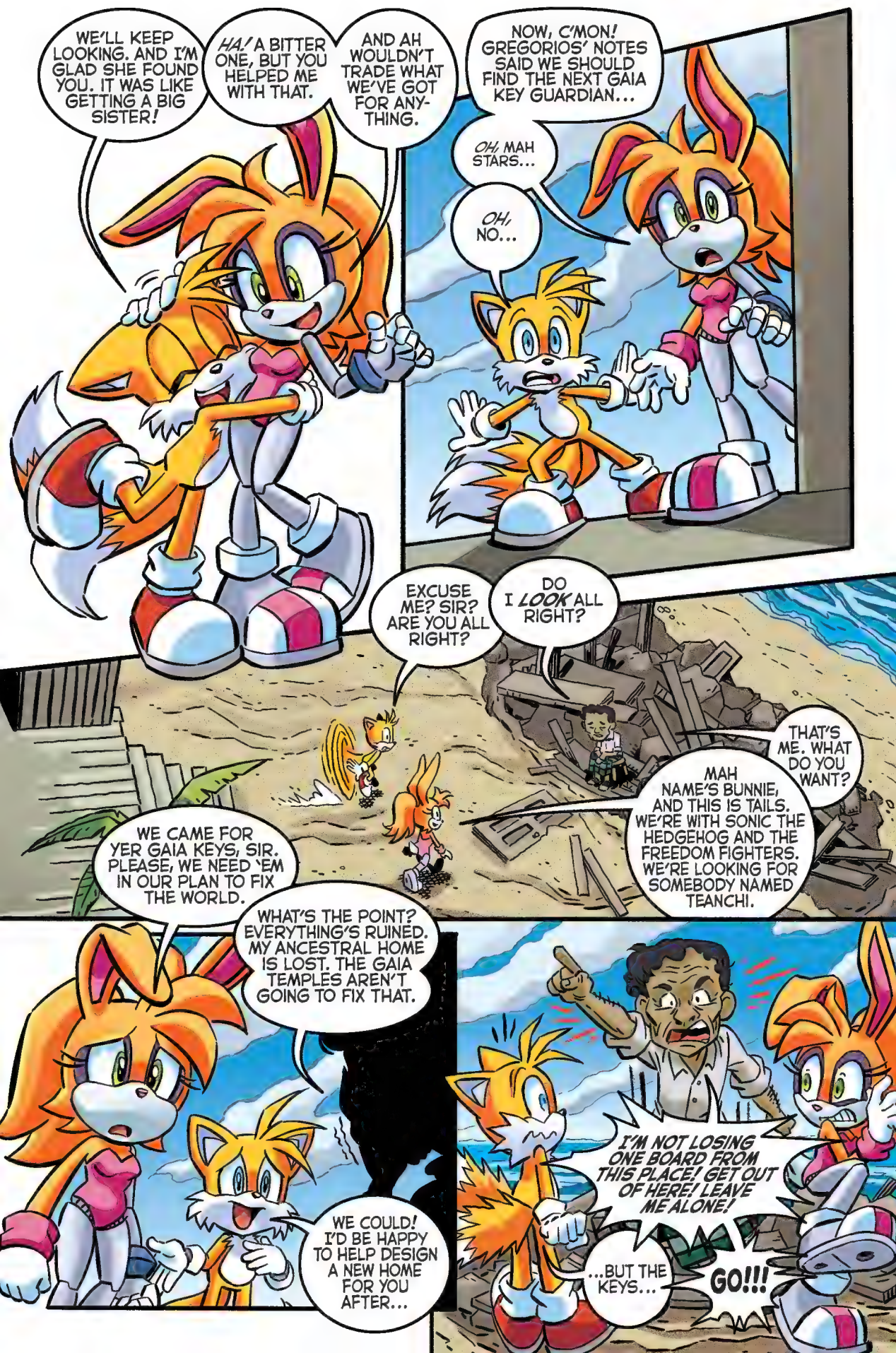
**BUNNIE**  
CYBORG

HEY!  
MAYBE  
THIS IS  
WHERE  
YOU  
WERE  
BORN!

HEH--MAYBE. WITH US  
TRAVELIN' ALL OVER THE  
WORLD, AH WAS HOPIN'  
SOMETHING MIGHT  
FEEL FAMILIAR.

THEN AGAIN,  
AH WAS SO  
LITTLE WHEN  
ROSIE FOUND  
ME, AH CAN'T  
RECOLLECT  
ANYTHING TOO  
SPECIFIC...





WE'LL KEEP LOOKING. AND I'M GLAD SHE FOUND YOU. IT WAS LIKE GETTING A BIG SISTER!

HA! A BITTER ONE, BUT YOU HELPED ME WITH THAT.

AND AH WOULDN'T TRADE WHAT WE'VE GOT FOR ANYTHING.

NOW, C'MON! GREGORIOS' NOTES SAID WE SHOULD FIND THE NEXT GAIA KEY GUARDIAN...

OH, MAH STARS...

OH, NO...

EXCUSE ME? SIR? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

DO I LOOK ALL RIGHT?

WE CAME FOR YER GAIA KEYS, SIR. PLEASE, WE NEED 'EM IN OUR PLAN TO FIX THE WORLD.

WHAT'S THE POINT? EVERYTHING'S RUINED. MY ANCESTRAL HOME IS LOST. THE GAIA TEMPLES AREN'T GOING TO FIX THAT.

WE COULD! I'D BE HAPPY TO HELP DESIGN A NEW HOME FOR YOU AFTER...

THAT'S ME. WHAT DO YOU WANT?

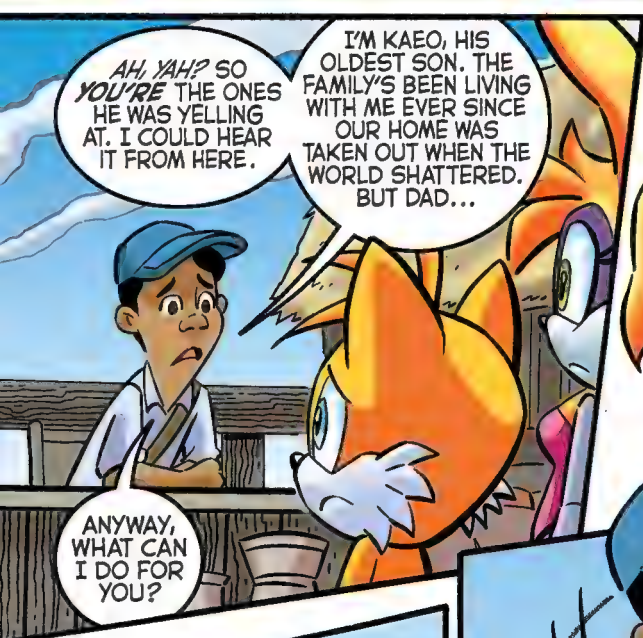
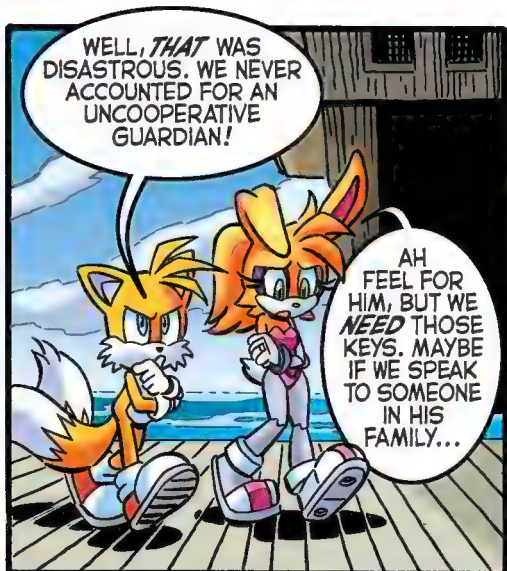
MAH NAME'S BUNNIE, AND THIS IS TAILS. WE'RE WITH SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS. WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEBODY NAMED TEANCHI.

I'M NOT LOSING ONE BOARD FROM THIS PLACE! GET OUT OF HERE! LEAVE ME ALONE!

...BUT THE KEYS...

GO!!!

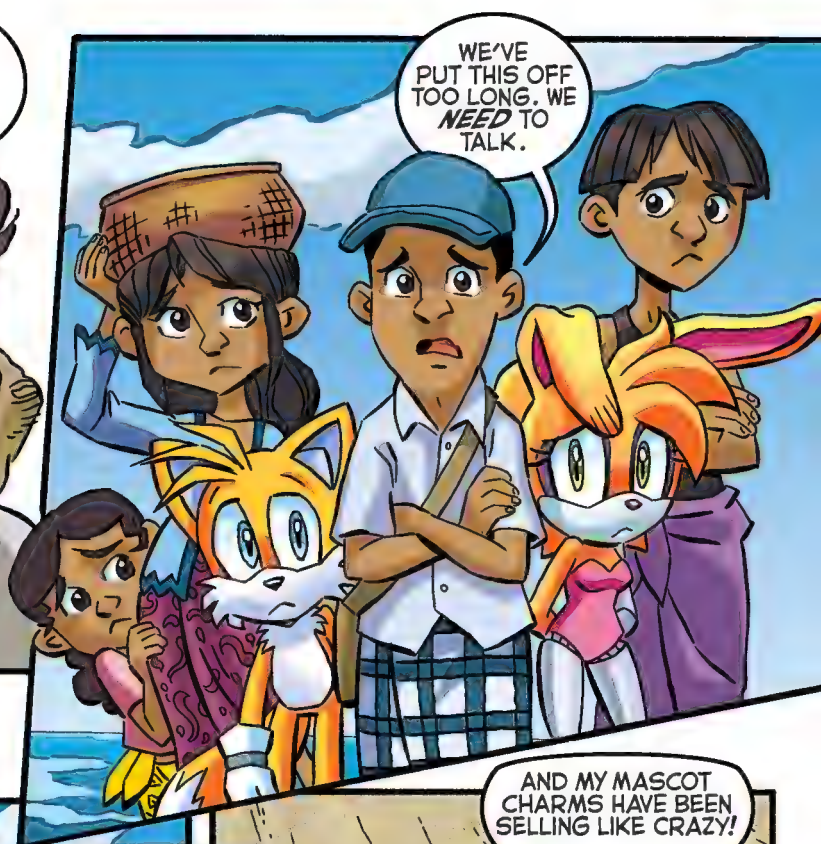








DAD?



WE'VE PUT THIS OFF TOO LONG. WE **NEED** TO TALK.



YOU SPEND ALL DAY SITTING ON THIS WRECKAGE. YOU'VE BARELY SAID A WORD TO US SINCE THIS DISASTER.

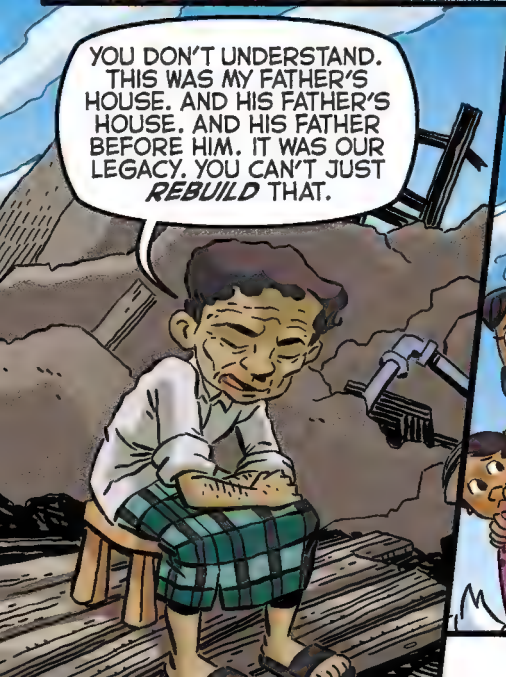
AND YOU CRY ALL NIGHT LONG... IT'S SCARY...

THE FISHING HAS BEEN REALLY GOOD LATELY. GOOD ENOUGH SO THAT I CAN TAKE TIME OFF AND HELP REBUILD.

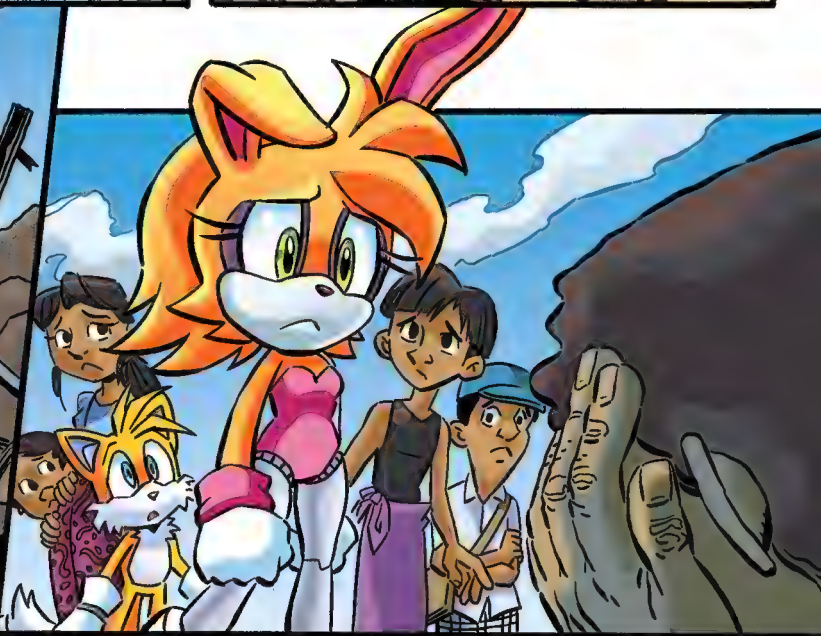


AND MY MASCOT CHARMS HAVE BEEN SELLING LIKE CRAZY!

I CAN HELP PAY FOR MATERIALS. IT'S NO PROBLEM.



YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. THIS WAS MY FATHER'S HOUSE. AND HIS FATHER'S HOUSE. AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM. IT WAS OUR LEGACY. YOU CAN'T JUST **REBUILD** THAT.





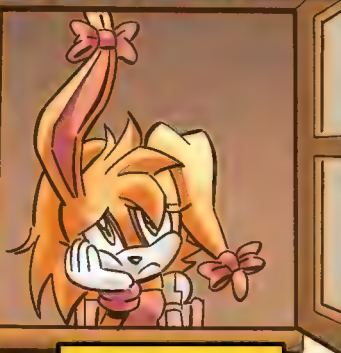
LEMME TELL YOU  
SOMETHIN'. WHEN  
I WAS JUST A  
TODDLER.....

...AH WAS FOUND  
OUT IN THE ROYAL HILLS  
ZONE OF WESTSIDE  
ISLAND.

ALL AH HAD WERE  
MAH NAME AND THE  
CLOTHES ON MY LI'L  
OL' BACK.



"WHEN DR. EGG-  
MAN TOOK OVER  
MOBOTROPOLIS,  
AH ENDED UP  
WITH MAH ARM  
AND LEGS  
ROBOTICIZED.  
FOLKS LOOK AT  
YOU DIFFERENT  
WHEN YOU'RE  
PART ROBOT.



"AH HAD NO  
PAST, LOST MAH  
HOME AND FELT  
LIKE A FREAK.

"UNTIL ONE DAY...

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
DOING  
?!

THE SAME THING  
SONIC DID FOR ME.  
AND SINCE HE'S  
GONE TO FIGHT ON  
SOUTH ISLAND...



WHAT DO  
YOU WANT,  
MILES?

O-OH! HI,  
B-BUNNIE!



WELL...I HEARD SOME OF  
THE KIDS TEASING YOU...SAYING  
YOUR NAME LIKE "RAB-BOT"  
INSTEAD OF "RAH-BOW"...

BUT  
NICKNAMES  
CAN BE...  
FUN?





I WANT YOU TO KNOW  
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'VE  
GOT ROBOT PARTS.

ROSIE TAKES CARE OF YOU,  
JUST LIKE ME AND BEN. SO...  
TO ME, THAT MAKES YOU MY BIG  
SISTER. AND...*UM*...I'M HERE  
FOR YOU.

THANK YOU,  
SUGAH. THAT  
MEANS A LOT  
TO ME.

ME, TOO!  
I'M HERE FOR  
YOU, TOO!

AND  
YOU,  
BEN.

ROSIE  
SAYS YOU'RE  
WALKING BETTER  
EVERY DAY.

*≡SNIFF≡* AH  
GUESS. IT  
STILL HURTS  
A BIT,  
THOUGH.

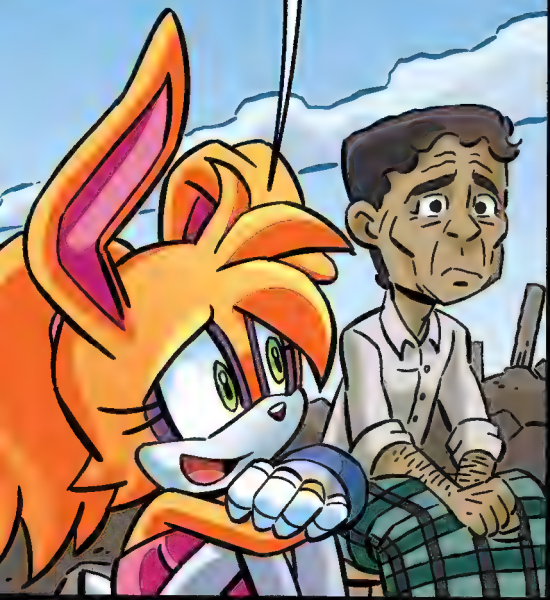
WELL...I'M GONNA LEARN  
FROM UNCLE CHUCK! AND  
I'LL BUILD YOU NEW LEGS  
THAT DON'T HURT! AND  
YOU'LL BE HAPPY AGAIN!

AND I'LL...*TRY*...  
TO LEARN ALL THAT  
STUFF, TOO!



Y'SEE WHAT AH'M GETTING AT? AH'D LOST EVERYTHING, BUT AH COULD KEEP GOIN' 'CAUSE AH HAD OTHERS TO SUPPORT ME.

YOU LOST YOUR FAMILY HOME, AND THAT'S A TERRIBLE SHAME. BUT YOU DIDN'T LOSE YOUR **FAMILY**. THEY'RE RIGHT HERE, WAITIN' TO HELP YOU.



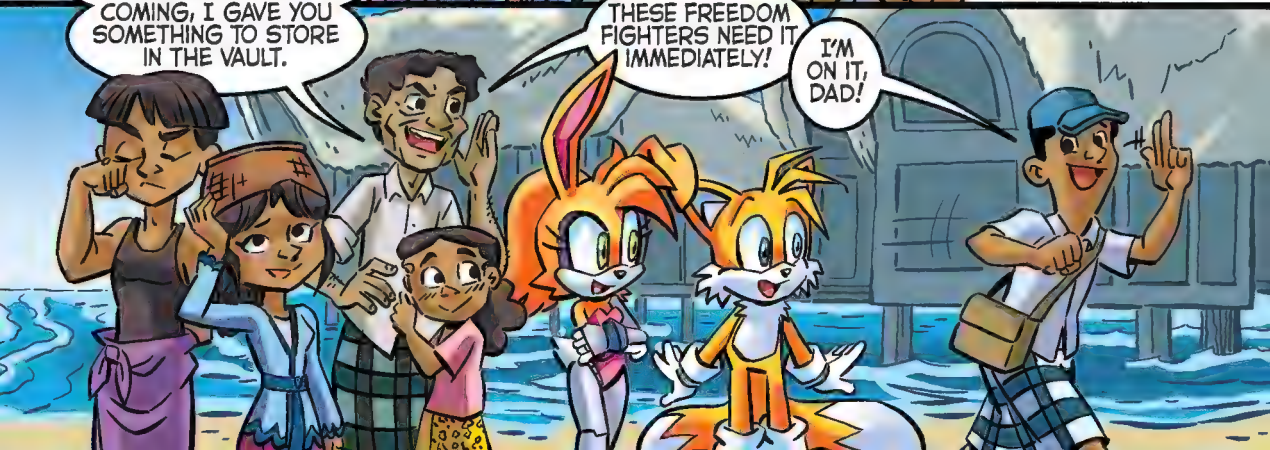
WE'LL CLEAN UP. WE'LL REBUILD. AND I'LL MAKE UP FOR WORRYING YOU ALL.



TO START, I'LL DO MY DUTY AS A KEY GUARDIAN. KAEO! WHEN THE WAVES WERE COMING, I GAVE YOU SOMETHING TO STORE IN THE VAULT.

THESE FREEDOM FIGHTERS NEED IT IMMEDIATELY!

I'M ON IT, DAD!



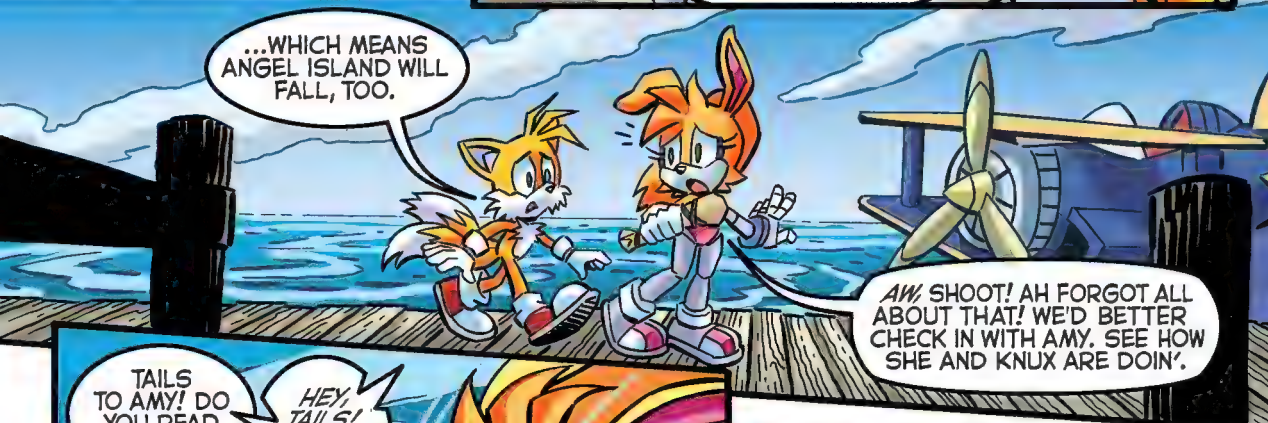
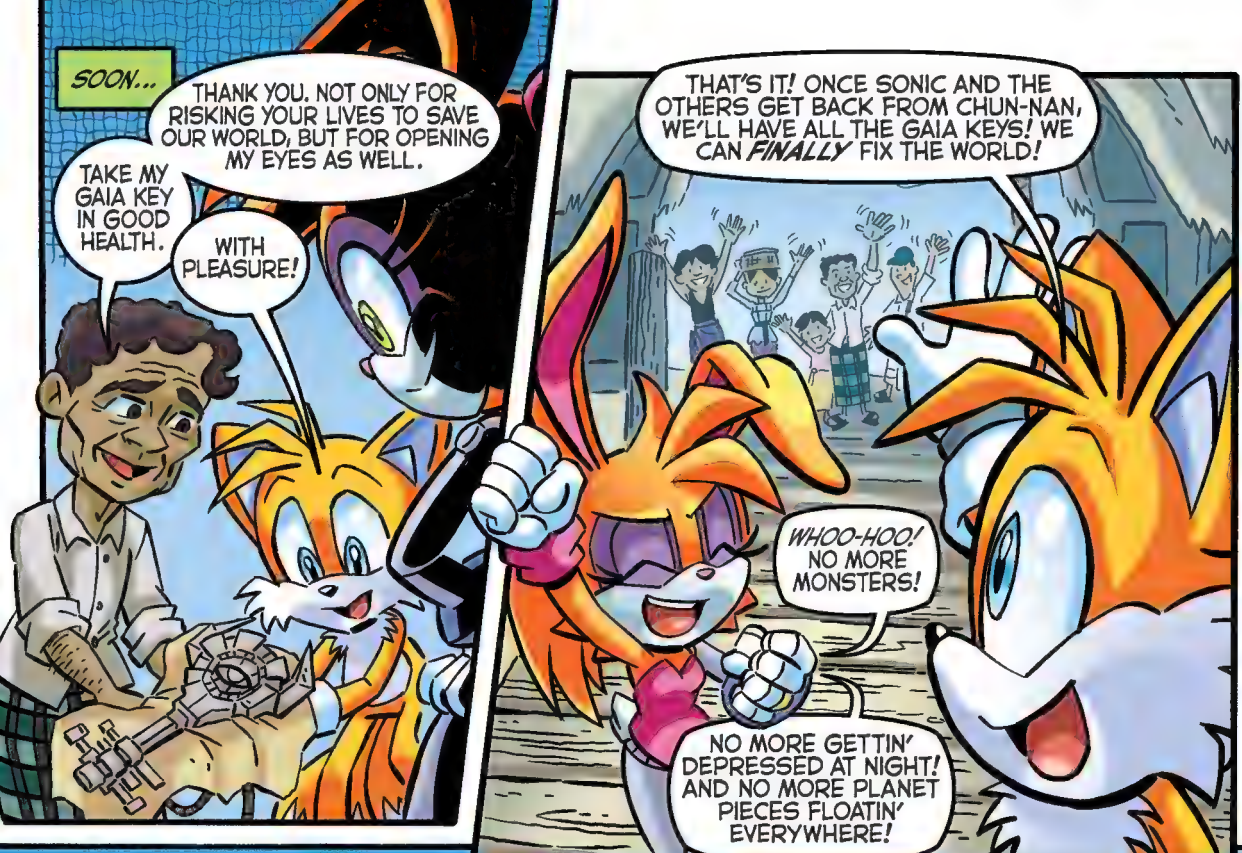
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'VE BEEN A FOOL. EVERYTHING THAT'S IMPORTANT HAS BEEN WITH ME ALL ALONG.



FORGIVE YOUR SHORTSIGHTED OLD MAN! I LOVE YOU, KIDS! YOU MEAN THE WORLD TO ME!











NEXT TIME: **KNUCKLES & MIGHTY--REUNITED! NUFF SAID!**  
UNTIL THEN, DON'T MISS THE EGGMAN ACTION IN  
SONIC UNIVERSE, AND ALL THE SONIC ADVENTURES IN  
THE GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!




# The World of SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

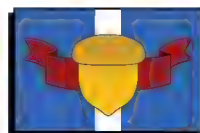


Sonic and the **Freedom Fighters** have traveled the world while trying to bring an end to the **Shattered World Crisis**! Here's an overview of some of the settlements they've visited...

## ★ **Mobotropolis**


 **Where:** Westside Island, Acorn Archipelago  
**When:** STH Vol. 1, "Countdown to Chaos"

 The capital of the **Kingdom of Acorn**! Nestled in the **Royal Hills Zone**, this beautiful city enjoys a perfect balance of modern technology and nature.



## ★ **Meropolis**

 **Where:** Great Blue Realm, Northern Oceans  
**When:** STH #260-263, "Waves of Change"

 An **underwater city** that's trying to find its way back onto the world stage. It's protected thanks to the blessings from the nearby **Eusebes Shrine**.



## ★ **Empire City**


 **Where:** United Federation, Northamerica  
**When:** STH #266-271, "Champions"

 An economic hub with almost as many skyscrapers as citizens! It's home to **Casino Park**, part of the **Breeze Media network** and **Honey Brand** clothing.



## ★ **Apotos**


 **Where:** United Federation, Southern Eurish  
**When:** STH #272, "A Ray of Hope"

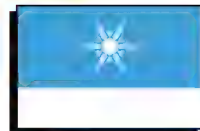
 A quiet, little coastal city known for its windmills, old architecture and sundaes! It's secretly the hiding place of the mystical **Gaia Gate**.



## ★ **Holoska**


 **Where:** United Federation, Artika  
**When:** STH #276, "Cold-Hearted"

 Nestled among the **glaciers** and **permafrost** is this village built and maintained traditionally by its native inhabitants. It may be cold, but they make it cozy!



## ★ **Shamar**


 **Where:** United Federation, Midesta  
**When:** STH #278-279, "Face of the Enemy"

 A bustling town in the middle of the **desert**! It boasts many forms of textiles and teas, and is home to one of **Professor Pickle's** offices abroad.



## ★ **Mazuri**


 **Where:** United Federation, Efrika  
**When:** STH #280, "Keys to Victory"

 This small village practices ancestral customs in the shadow of the massive **Holy Tree**. Nearby is a sprawling city rich in the same cultural heritage.



## ★ **Spagonia**


 **Where:** United Federation, Southern Eurish  
**When:** STH #280, "A Special Occasion"

 A tightly clustered city connected by winding streets and hiding a vast **labyrinth** below. A massive **aqueduct wall** protected it from invaders in the past. It's home to the world-famous **Spagonia University**.



## ★ **Chun-Nan**


 **Where:** United Federation, Central Yunashia  
**When:** STH #281-282, "Wings of Fire"

 An ancient town nestled between tall mountains, fed by numerous waterfalls. It hosts the **Gaia Phoenix**, one of the few powerful spirits still in the world.



## ★ **Adabat**

 **Where:** United Federation, Southern Oceans  
**When:** STH #281, "Homesick"

 Built right on the water, this **tropical village** of stilt houses thrives on fishing and tourism. Hidden in the jungles nearby are **massive ruins** of a civilization long since passed.





# Letter from the EDITOR

Editorial commentary that "conquers" the field by "storm!"

Finally! At long last, the character return we've ALL been waiting for: **DULCY IS BACK!** That's right, **Dulcy the Dragon** has returned with an all-new look and an all-new crew of Freedom Fighters under her wing!

We wanted to show that Dulcy is certainly not the same timid dragon we've seen before, but a mighty warrior who can hold her own! While her confidence may still be a bit shaky from time to time, she'll do all she can to protect her home and to help **Sonic** save the world. See below for some concept artwork by yours truly!

**BELOW:** The new design for **Dulcy the Dragon**, leader of the **Chun-Nan Freedom Fighters!**



This issue also marks the return of the deadly yet cool lynx, **Conquering Storm!** We know she's been a fan favorite for a while and we're super stoked to have her back in this story arc!

Check out CS's updated design by writer and artist **Aleah Baker!** Aleah has lent her talents in designing and updating many faces of the Sonic comic universe, and she's done an amazing job!

Well, that's all for now! Later!

– Vincent "Vin" Lovallo  
Editor

*Vin*  
2016

**BELOW:** The updated design for **Conquering Storm**, the Egg Boss of the **Chun-Nan** region!



- REWORKED TO BE MORE IN-LINE WITH NICOLE/ELLIDY AND SEGA STYLE
- OUTFIT SIMPLIFIED/MADE EGGMAN-THEMED
- ANGLED MARKINGS ON EARS
- NOTCH CUT OUT OF LEFT EAR
- EARS FORCED DOWN BY STRAW HAT
- STRIPE DOWN MIDDLE OF HEAD -- FITS WITH THE OTHER LYNX CHARACTERS HAVING BLACK MARKINGS
- BUN AT BACK OF HEAD TIED WITH A THICK RED BAND
- REINFORCED METAL ON GLOVES/BOOTS
- GLOVE CUFFS ARE RIGID
- EYES ARE STILL CYBERNETIC BUT SIMPLIFIED, MATCHES CASSIA
- AVERAGE HEIGHT



HATLESS VIEW



- TRIM
- HAT
- MAIN FUR
- EYES/ACCENTS
- MARKINGS/BOOTS
- CLOTHING/EYESHADOW
- METAL DETAILS





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## OFF-PANEL

## SECRET ORIGINS

FOR SUPER FRIENDS!

OR

HOW TO BITE  
THE HAND THAT  
FEEDS YOU FOR  
FUN & PROFIT!

BWAHAHAHA!!!

IT'S TOUGH NOT KNOWIN' YOUR OWN ORIGIN STORY.

TOTALLY. HOW CAN YOU KNOW WHERE YOU'RE GOIN' IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU CAME FROM?

RADIOACTIVE HELICOPTER BITE!

HM...

Y'THINK...?

ARCANE BUNNY NUPTIALS!

OR MAYBE...?

OH, MAH STARS, THAT IS DEFINITELY NOT IT!

AND IF IT IS THEN WE NEED NEW WRITERS, STAT!

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## Dear 'Sonic Grams,

Will Cream and Cheese have their own adventure (either here or in Sonic Universe) during the Shattered World Crisis? It seems like they haven't had a major role to play since their time with Amy and Blaze.

*Cream and Cheese have mostly been on the sidelines since their adventure on Blaze's world, but don't fret if you've been missing them! They'll have a very important contribution to the conclusion of the Shattered World Saga! Still, we don't have any immediate plans to give the duo their own solo adventure. Is that something you readers would like to see? Write in and let us know!*

Second, with the exception of the people of Meropolis and Sonic, it feels like we haven't seen any [physical or emotional] effects of Dark Gaia Energy on the rest of the world's populace. Will that change before the Crisis ends? Thanks!

Ray H. Jr. sent to  
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Thanks for the thoughtful letter,  
Ray!

*The "Keys to Victory" arc has been all about showing how the Shattered World Crisis has affected the everyday lives of the people living across the planet.*

*It's not exactly breathing Dark Gaia gas or appropriating Dark Gaia energy for nefarious purposes, but the hope here is that doing this introduces a relatable, human element to a very bad situation. I hope that answers your question!*

## Dear 'Sonic Grams,

Hello! My name is Victor. I am 16 and from Georgia and I am a big Sonic fan. *Sonic the Hedgehog 2* is my favorite game!

*Hiya, Victor! Nice to meet ya!*

I've been a Sonic fan for a while but I just recently got into the comics and they are great! I also have a few questions I would like to ask. I was wondering when we will see Shadow again? He is my second favorite character!

*Shadow's been a semi-regular in our companion comic book, Sonic Universe, for a while now. As a matter of fact, he'll be playing a*

*huge role in the resolution of the Shattered World Saga in that very book! How? You'll have to see for yourself once "Eggman's Dozen" is complete and "Shattered" begins!*

Also, I know this isn't related to the comic books but when will we hear more news on the *Sonic the Hedgehog* movie? That is all the questions I have for now thanks for reading this email!

Victor F.  
from Georgia

*As far as the status of the Sonic movie goes, that's a question for SEGA and Hollywood! But—as far as the Sonic comic is concerned—we can certainly answer all of those questions! And hey, maybe the movie will get a comic tie-in! One can dream!*

*And on that note it looks I've officially run out of room! C'est la vie! Be here next issue for the thrilling conclusion of "Wings of Fire!" Love, peace and chicken grease, y'all! We out.*

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